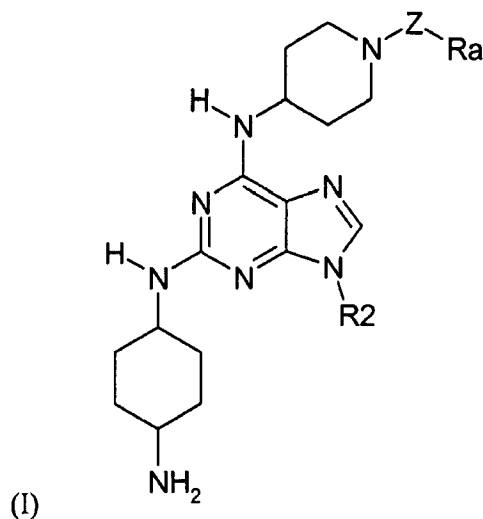


In the Claims:

Please and amend the claims as shown in the following amended listing of claims:

CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A compound according to the formula (I)



wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of $-S(O)_2-$ and $-C(O)-$,

when Z is $-S(O)_2-$, R_a is selected from the group consisting of: $-R_1$ and $-N(R_1)(R_3)$,

or

when Z is $-C(O)-$, R_a is selected from the group consisting of: $-R_1$, $-OR_1$, $-N(R_1)(R_3)$ and $-SR_1$,

where R_1 is selected from the group consisting of:

$-C_1-C_{11}$ alkyl, wherein each carbon may be optionally substituted with one, two or three X substituents,

$-C_3-C_{10}$ cycloalkyl, wherein each carbon may be optionally substituted with one or two X substituents,

$-(CH_2)_nQ_p(CH_2)_nW$, and

$-(CH_2)_nCHW_2$;

wherein each carbon of $-(CH_2)_n-$ may be optionally substituted with one or two X substituents, Q is O, S, or NR_3 , n is independently an integer 0-6, p is